

Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board
Minutes for February 14th, 2022 Meeting
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Kent Town Hall
25 Sybil's Crossing. Kent Lakes, NY 10512

Call to order with Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

Walter Recher, Chairman
Jeanne Garbarino, Vice Chairman
Jerri Jacobs
Pat Madigan
Robert Ulich
Cathy Vargas
Members In absentia:
Joe Fleischman
Joe Nemeth

Liaisons

Supervisor Jaime McGlasson
Councilman Chris Ruthven

Review Minutes from January meeting

Items:

1. Liaisons – Review status on recommendation for Siobhan Carey to join LCPDAB – on agenda for tomorrow night.
2. Liaisons – Review status of meetings/plan to post job openings for Lifeguard Supervisor, Lifeguards
 - a. A draft of job descriptions was offered but we will need to review the official language for how Putnam County verbiage has already been vetted for any lake-related employment descriptions
 - b. We will re-work these descriptions and also work on communications campaigns to promote the job openings
 - c. Mike O'Brien will also be offering lifeguard certification for up to 20 students (possibly 2x). Students who lifeguard for the entire summer will be reimbursed the total cost of the certification course.
 - d. Jeanne Garbarino has offered to make banners and fliers to help promote
3. Liaisons - Update on bridge and dam renovation engineering study and grant application
 - a. Working on this bridge requires specialty knowledge
 - b. The engineering firm (Insight) notes that the cost of repairing the bridge currently exceeds the grant funds currently secured for this; will be exploring reasonable ways to move ahead given the financial setback
4. Liaisons – Update on engineering study for former Beach 5/Limni property parking lot/property
 - a. Liaisons have met with Kevin Fitzpatrick who shared data that suggests Limni seep does not contribute to phosphorous heavy pollutants.
 - b. This conflicts with what has been previously reported by Bruce Barber, an environmental consultant
 - c. Will re-test to ensure accuracy and if phosphorous continue to be absent, we may be able to move forward with some sort of project that involves a subsurface for stormwater under the parking lot.
 - d. Related, we will be participating in the Trees for Tribs program, tentatively scheduled for May 20, 2022. Will start recruiting volunteers to help with this exciting program.
5. Liaisons – Update on contractor bids to renovate/expand Walking Path
 - a. Have been challenged by engineering firms not being able to address projects due to supply and demand issues.
 - b. Will be putting out an additional advertisement for this engineering bid, and will be reaching out to local engineering firms to ensure that they can see it (and possibly submit a bid)

- c. Walking path has been articulated as a prioritized project for Lake Carmel
- 6. Liaisons – Review request for bids to purchase and install sign boards at Rte. 52/311, Towners Road intersections, including LED option and flagpoles
 - a. Estimated cost of running the LEDs for both signs is ~\$70 per month. Would also need to pay fees related to running the lines, and connecting to NYSEG meters.
 - b. There is some concern with the NYSEG aspects of this, which may pose significant slowdowns to this process
 - c. Also considering a solar option for this to avoid traditional electric costs and related issues related to NYSEG
 - d. Will clarify specific ownership (state vs. county) regarding the sign locations
- 7. Liaisons – Review recommendations for new signage at lake entries, around lake, at beaches
 - a. No current updates; goal to have updated sign language submitted for next LCPDAB meeting
- 8. Liaisons – Review start date, plans and activities for Lake Scientist/Manager for 2022
 - a. LCPDAB members Jeanne Garbarino and Bobby Ulich are meeting with several lake science / limnology firms to understand how to create and fill the role of lake scientist
 - b. Team is working to get 4 different quotes from local lake scientist firms to determine who we will move ahead with
 - c. Will need to maintain synergy with all of the lake staff to ensure that we can move together for making forward progress
- 9. Presentation of Lake Carmel Park District Volunteer of the Year Award
 - a. n/a
- 10. Present LCPDAB Master Plan Recommendations, request for formal presentation to Town Board
 - a. (will link to official Master Plan document here)

Public Comment

- We are eligible for FEMA, and these monies will be used to take care many of the issues that have been damaged due to recent storms
- LCPDAB will be provided with an email address
- Dates for annual Lake Carmel events have been shared, up on the website
- Kent Lakes Association update from Bobby Ulich – people within KLA are putting together educational materials together for septic
- KLA is also looking to put together a lake education seminar with Cornell and other partners
- Adopt a pipe is coming up – will need some more volunteers to sample during or immediately after rainstorm
- Boat impound yard is full, might need to think about an auction
- Beach preparation – thinking about docks, lines, floats, are not in ideal shape; hoping this can be examined and addressed where necessary.
- Beach docks need refreshed paint for signage (i.e. do not dive)
- Ensure department of health permits are in place
- Beach passes – we are in the 4 year cycle. Will continue with this process.
- LCFD Water Supply signs? Someone has put that up but we don't know who or why.